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## THE WEAVER.

By Susan Coolidge.

One stitch dropped as the weaver drove  
His nimble shuttle to and fro,  
In and out, beneath, above,  
Till the pattern seemed to bud and grow  
As if the fairies had helping been—  
One small stitch which could scarce be  
seen;  
But the one stitch dropped pulled the next  
stitch out,  
And a weak spot grew in the fabric stout;  
And the perfect pattern was marred for aye  
By the one small stitch that was dropped that  
day.

One small life in God's great plan!  
How futile it seems as the ages roll,  
Do what it may, or strive how it can,  
To alter the sweep of the infinite whole!  
A single stitch in an endless web,  
A drop in the ocean's flow and ebb!  
But the pattern is rent where the stitch is  
lost,  
Or marred where the tangled threads have  
crossed;  
And each life that fails of its true intent  
Mars the perfect plan that its Master meant.

✧ "To the Law and to the Testimony. If they speak not according to  
this Word, it is because there is no Light in them."---Isaiah viii:20. ✧